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C&T COP Guidance - overview

- Service Provision
 - Innovative approaches
 - Training programs
- Referrals and linkages
- Policy





Approaches to C&T

- Provider initiated (routine offer)
 - Mainly in clinical settings for TB, STI and FP clients
 - Standards for counseling in these settings are important
- Community-Based C&T
 - Churches
 - Workplace
 - Military
 - Youth programs





Approaches to C&T cont.

- Outreach/ mobile C&T
 - Rural and hard to reach areas
 - Vulnerable populations
 - Could be attached to freestanding VCT or a health clinic





Approaches to C&T cont.

- Couples counseling
 - Two people in a stable relationship are counseled and tested together
 - Can be implemented through VCT, PMTCT, FP, or home-based care programs





Approaches to C&T cont.

- Family based
 - Encourages HIV C&T of family members including children
 - Through home-based care programs or at treatment/care clinics through HIV support services
 - Door-to-door





Approaches to C&T cont.

- Encourages innovative approaches to C&T
- High quality counseling and rapid testing
- Creation of demand for C&T services
- Ensuring that HIV testing is informed, voluntary and consented





Training Programs

- Describe training programs for lay-counselors and other health care workers
- Avoid training same people
- Risk reduction training
- Training on routine C&T – standardized
- Couples counseling





Referrals and Linkages

- All C&T services **must** include a functioning referral system
 - To ensure that HIV+ clients are linked to care and treatment services
 - HIV- clients should be linked to other prevention services
- Increase communication with Government, other PEPFAR partners and private sector implementing C&T activities





C&T Policy

- Identify key policy barriers at community level
- Methods for maintaining standard recording systems for reporting HIV testing





THANK YOU

